Direct to
Mrs Charles
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My Dear Niece.

I received your
letter last week, and was greatly
rejoiced, to hear from you once
more it has been so long since
I heard from any of you that
I thought you must all be dead
or you away for I have written
several letters to your Father &
Mother & heard nothing from
them. Orpha I want you to tell
me whether your Mother is entirly
blind or not. I want you to
tell me the Childrens names
and what kind of a place it is
where your Father lives and if
they have any fruit growing
tell me what kind of a home you

that of my family we have such
nice weather here I have not
this winter
seen snow but once then it
did not lay on the ground
only 3 hours and to day is
like April weather in
Indiana this is the pleasant
country that I ever was in
Charlie is out grubbing there
is no frost in the ground he
was plowing last week they
plow their land here in the
winter then again in the
Spring. Sampy I wish you
had a good place here where
you could have a good market
for eary thing that you could
raise. now Sampy please to
write to me if Leapy can not
see it will be a comfort to
her to have you write to her
folks and a pleasure to them to
receive your

you say you think I will call you a foolish girl for getting married so young. I think sircumstances alter cases if you have got a good kind husband and you make a good kind wife, and mother to his child you will get along well enough yet you will find that a stepmothers life is a hard one you must have very thing in silance and use the child as your own then there will be enough that will talk. Orpha did your mother ever get any flower seeds that I sent her I sent her some three times. have you any flowers if you have not and want some I will send you some and I want you to get me a few seeds of some kind and send them to me for my yard I have a large and nice yard and I have a bed in it that I call your mothers & her family & I want some seed from there then I shall think more of them, now Orpha I will close for I want to write a little to your Mother give my love to your husband & family & accept it yourself write soon. to your Aunt.

My Darling Sister Lenpy how it makes my heart ache to hear of your being deprived of your eye site have you no hope of its returning what is the cause of your going blind so young. Oh how I wish that I could see you once more I wish we were nearer to each other my health has become good since I came here and also

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Dear Orpha

I have written to Miner and I thought that I would write a few lines to you and enclose it with his this time. so am I want you to tell me what is the matter with your Mother and whether she is hopelessly blind Oh how I would like to see her. do all you can to make her happy while you are near her for the time will come when you cannot see her. here I am so far away from my dear living Mother and the Lord only knows whether I shall ever see her again or not but I live in hopes to before long

I should be glad to come and
se you and your family and
if you live near your Fathers and
should I ever come I shall se
you . you wished to know where
all of your Mother folks are I will
tell you what they are as far as
I know William is in Palmer
Mat Calvary is in South Bend
Indiana Ell James is in Adrian
Mich but they are going west some
where this Spring Mary Aaron
and Jenny I know not where
they are I have not received any
letter from them for more than
a year grand Ma is with Alice
I will send you her address give our
love to your husband and Henrietta
and her Husband and except it
your self . From Aunt Dell